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A HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT ON THE TEREK RIVER

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On the outskirts of the city of Dzauzhikau where the Georgian military highway begins, Dzauzes Dzauzhikau Hydroelectric Power Plant, a new structure of the postwar Five-Year Plan is growing. Work is going on along both banks of the Terak. A large source canal has been dug. The contours of the future hydroelectric power plant are already visible in outline; the construction of Dzauzes is entering into the pre-operational phase. The power plant will provide current this year.

Dzaugos is a comparatively small plant, but it will supplement the electric balance of North Ossetia, supply current to the Sadonsk mines, the Malgobek petroleum deposits, the "Elektrotsink" ships, and other enterprises.

The construction of the plant was begun during the war. Thousands of diggers were required for the canal route. The great shortage of manpower was felt. In accordance with the desire of thousands of the people, the construction was rationally publicized. Groups of volunteer workers went out on the canal course on their days off. The collective farmers came as they finished their farm work. In a short time, the enormous job was completed.

When the Dzauzes construction is finished, the construction on the Terek of the Ezinsk hydroelectric power plant, at a height of 1,000 meters above sea level, will be started. Subsequently, other plants will be still higher. The greatest of these will be Daryages. This enterprise will consist of cascade constructions which will utilize the power of the Terek from the lowlands to the great mountain heights. Electric power assists in the utilization of the tremendous riches which are hidden in the mineral resources of the Caucasus Mountains.

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